

Dear Dave,

2/21/78

Your 2/18/78 is exciting. Great news! And all you propose sounds fine to me. You do not say you have carboned Howard and I'm so I'm sending them copies.

If your man is willing to read I strongly suggest that he begin with Howard's book and then, because he will be working with my work, go to WW. rather than Sylvia.

The problem with lists and shortness is that the best-known work ought not be read by serious people if all they want to learn is fact about the subject.

I'll show your letter to Jerry McKnight and ask for his suggestions. His line is busy. When I get through to him I'm going out and chip more ice to clear as much as possible before the next snow, predicted for later today.

On "D", I have other records but we can't stop to copy them now. But right idea and quite important. Try to remember the Rocca report to Rock.Com. on this.

Aside from litigation files I have separate ones on rifle, ammo, etc. I think I've just sent you some new "emberling material on "missed" shot/

A scholarly analysis of the list of basic source materials? Quite a task, little as it says. The secrecy with it would be useful in CA 75-1448 right now, so the kind of project is always a good one.

George's tape came today. It is a dioxide one and I'll have to get a dub made, I think. I'll ask before I listen.

If you and Elaine go at the pace you give for your kinds you must stay pooped!

Lester. Jerry stopped off on his way home from Hood. I gave him a copy of your letter and he'll see if he has any suggestions. I then went out and worked on the ice and this was out of mind. Sorry. But I'll read it again before I let it away and add anything that occurs. I think you've done fine and Deloyd excites me!

While I'm resting from what for me is now exertion - another day without snow and I'll have the most dangerous part of the ice all removed - let me update you on the files. Jerry and his step-daughter, who was with him, remind me.

Jerry has two stepdaughters, both now in Hood. This and paying for their new and very nice home just a little higher up on the mountain and on the same "main" road up it are keeping Jerry pretty strapped. They appear to be good young women. I engaged one, Terry, to establish files with the FBI releases of 1/18/78 and she did it well and promptly. I also got her to refile what the Enquirer people had used. Her sister Debbie came to help her and they cleaned that up in an evening, establishing a list of what had been examined at the same time. So I asked Terry if she'd be interested in working for me part-time, at her convenience, trying to work a little order into the chaos, and she would. Debbie said she'd help.

Then we had the blizzard, with Hood not cancelling classes, and Terry had two wrecks on the way to college. She got off the mountain okay but was blinded by the strongly-blown snow and hit one of my neighbors in the rear. This did little damage but then a character came along and really plowed into her, wrecking the car and bugging both girls up enough to require treatment at the hospital. They are okay.

I knew the money problem so when I got my first Social Security check I decided that youth also needs social security and offered it as an advance payment to Terry for the work she will do. With the kinds of deals kids can work out, through friends she had gotten a totaled VW from which she can get all the parts needed. The frame was not bent. So before long she'll be back working on the overflow files, moved from my office. Then we'll go to other things. And pretty soon I'll be meeting the student who wants to do an internship. Jerry seems to think that for a prelaw an FOIA project is best. The internship was her idea. She is in Jerry's class and asked him. I like the enterprise. We'll see and I'll let you know. Best to all,